



Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting November 4, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Jack Arterburn called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM MT. Meeting is being held virtually via Zoom. Mitch Stephenson, Jack Arterburn, Ben Beckman, Brad Schick, Bob Broweleit, Sheila Luoma, Nadine Bishop, Jeff Nichols, Kristin Dickinson, Jess Milby, and Angie Petersen were in attendance. Normally Lance Schutte would be conducting the meeting as acting president, however due to an important personal matter, Jack will be conducting the meeting.

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting via email for review. Motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting was made by Ben Beckman and seconded by Brad Schick. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The balances of the two checking accounts and four CDs as of November 4th, 2020 were as follows: \$9189.85 for the SRM account, \$8586.74 for the Range Judging account, \$7195.78 for the Nebraska Section CD, \$2788.73 for the William Wester HSYF fund, \$6644.24 for the NE State Range Judging CD, and the \$9324.32 for the other Range Judging CD. A few key notes regarding insurance and main costs and incomes were also noted and discussed.

The treasurer's report will be presented at tomorrow's business meeting for approval. Three of the CDs did come due in July and August. Obviously it is not a good time for interest rates, they are very low, so the rates we received were very low unfortunately. No CDs now mature again until 2022.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee:

Jack Arterburn will be conducting the meeting as previously mentioned. A big thanks goes out to Walt Schacht and Liz Husmann who have played a huge role in putting the meeting together and moving it all virtually. Everything should be ready for tomorrow. Brad and Ben will be moderating the afternoon sessions. Jack will be running the meeting in the morning. Mitch will be presenting awards. Friday is the graduate student presentations. Three of them have been lined up and the updated schedule with the titles for those presentations should be going out later today. There is also a PowerPoint slide show for during break and before meetings. This includes slides of the graduate student presentations as well as one for the UNL Range Club fundraiser, which is selling apparel, as well as one for the scholarship information. Jack will moderate the graduate student presentations. Their advisors will introduce them and then Ben will be the moderator for the afternoon session.

Awards: A report was offered by Mitch Stephenson. We will be presenting 2 awards this year, the Range Management Service Award and the Outstanding Young Professional Award. They will be presented after the business meeting and mailed out afterward to the award winners.

Envirothon: Nadine Bishop presented the committee report. The 2020 Envirothon contests were cancelled. In 2021, the regional competitions will be on-line. Test writers are being encouraged to incorporate photos and Jeopardy-type questions into the regional tests. At this time, we do not know if the state competition will be in-person or virtual.

Fundraising: Vacant position. Please think of new ideas for fundraising and forward them on to Jack.

Historian: Jeff presented a report. The Nebraska Section SRM History has been updated and continues to be updated online.

Jeff will continue to submit articles to the Newsletter Editor as well as keep the website updated with historical information. He will also continue to gather information and gain reports from the student section for publication on the website. If there is anyone that has an interest in working with the Historical aspects of the Section, please let him know.

Information and Education: Nadine Bishop presented a report. News releases were developed and sent to the current Nebraska newspaper listing. Due to the cancellation of many of our activities this year, this was a minimal effort. News releases about the 2019 award recipients and the annual meeting were sent.

If there are any news releases to cover any Section activities, please let Nadine know.

Investments: Walt Schacht will present at the meeting tomorrow. No report at this time.

Membership: Lance Schutte is the current committee chair. No report at this time

Nominations: Bob Broweleit reported for the nominations committee. We had two great nominations for the open council position, Laura Rubeck and Kyle Schumacher. The new elected council member will be announced tomorrow at the meeting. Please let Bob know of any future individuals who may be interested in future.

Producer Affairs: Sheila Luoma presented a report. The Grazing Tour set up for June 14-16, 2020 in the Sandhills was cancelled. They have been active with the 2020 Traveling Road Show discussing prescribed fire and woody encroachment featuring Dirac Twidwell.

Public Affairs: Vacant

Range Judging: Kristin Dickinson will be providing a report. There were no contests held in 2020 so they plan to use the 2020 sites in 2021 assuming they are able to hold contests next year. Some contest cards were given to teachers who wanted to hold contests at their schools. Kristin is looking for a replacement as she took over in 2015 and it may be time for someone else to take over. So if you are interested in the position please let her know. As the 2021 contest time approaches they will discuss how the contests will be conducted.

Range Research: Vacant

Range Tour: Vacant. Mitch, as past-president, would be willing to act as committee chair for the Range Research and Range Tour Committees. As the meeting had been planned for Lincoln this year, there has been discussion regarding using the plan for next year's meeting. Included in this was a possible tour planned with the Prairie Corridor.

Range Camp/HSYF: No report. Range Camp was cancelled for this year.

Student Affairs: No report

Scholarship: Two \$750.00 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship applications are due Nov. 20th. Jess Milby did send out scholarship information to the Range Clubs.

Old Business:

Changes in by-laws regarding awards was revisited and discussed.

New Business:

Nadine Bishop, at the Oct 2019 meeting presented the PowerPoint created and available for new council members. This is a possible way for new council members to review their responsibilities and important information. It is available on the website for all.

Nadine has resigned and has recommended Laura Rubeck for Chair of the Information and Education Committee. This is a president appointed position. If she is elected as a council member we may need to discuss with her is she would still be willing to hold both positions.

Laura Rubeck has resigned from Newsletter Editor. She has recommended Emma Barnett. This is also a president appointed position.

Steve Waller had some of the original historical documents for NE SRM. These are currently with Cheryl Dunn and she wants to know what we would like to do with these items. They are being sent to Jeff so that they can be electronically scanned and saved and the council can decide where to house these original records. Jeff keeps other historical records, so for now Jeff will keep these items. Discussion was had regarding where our records, both paper and digital copies, will be kept in the future as things are passed down to future individuals.

Committees and Committee Chair information needs to be updated on the website. Regarding election of officers, Article IV, Election of Officers within the by-laws needs to be amended. Bob Broweleit presented these changes and how to amend these within the by-laws. Dorrene Butterfield manages the website and can update information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Angie Petersen